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SUBJECT: NE WIN'S VISIT TO INDONESIA

1. BURMESE PRESIDENT NE WIN LEFT INDONESIA JUNE 13 AFTER A SIX-DAY "UNOFFICIAL" VISIT. HE HELD EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT SUHARTO IN BALI AND YOGYAKARTA AND COMBINED WORK WITH GOLF AND CULTURAL DIVERSIONS. HE ALSO MET WITH PERTAMINA (GOI STATE OIL COMPANY) DIRECTOR IBNU SUTOWO TO DISCUSS PETROLEUM MATTERS. STATEMENTS ON VISIT BY OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN ALMOST ENTIRELY DEVOID OF INFORMATION ABOUT SUBSTANCE AND RESULTS OF TALKS, ALTHOUGH BURMESE AMBASSADOR DESCRIBED VISIT AS "200 PER CENT SUCCESS." FOREIGN DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS DJAYADININGRAT, WHO ACCOMPANIED SUHARTO AND FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK DURING BALI PORTION OF NE WIN'S VISIT, MADE NO SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT ON VISIT WHEN AMBASSADOR RAISED SUBJECT DURING CALL JUNE 14.

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2. PRESS STATEMENT READ BY GOI SPOKESMAN SUDHARMONO

AT NE WIN'S JUNE 13 DEPARTURE, IN ADDITION TO USUAL BROMIDES -- E.G. TALKS WERE "FULL, FRANK AND WIDE-RANGING" -- SAID ONLY THAT BOTH LEADERS HAD AGREED ON IMPORTANCE OF NATIONS' PURSUING THEIR "OWN INDEPENDENT FOREIGN POLICIES, FREE FROM TIES WITH OTHER NATIONS OR POWERS."

3. GOI FOREIGN MINISTER ADAM MALIK PROVIDED SOME EXPLANATION, IN RESPONSE TO REPORTERS' QUESTIONS SAYING THAT BURMA DOES NOT INTEND TO JOIN ASEAN IN NEAR FUTURE BECAUSE IT IS CONCERNED THAT ASSOCIATION WITH ASEAN, SOME OF WHOSE MEMBER-COUNTRIES HAVE FOREIGN MILITARY BASES, MIGHT CONFLICT WITH ITS FOREIGN POLICY OF "STRICT NEUTRALITY."

4. AFTER NE WIN'S TALKS WITH PERTAMINA PRESIDENT/DIRECTOR LT. GEN. DR. IBNU SUTOWO IN BALI, SPOKESMAN SAID BURMA HAD ADOPTED "SERVICE CONTRACT" SYSTEM FOR DEALING WITH FOREIGN OIL COMPANIES WHICH IS SIMILAR TO PERTAMINA'S SUCCESSFUL "PRODUCTION SHARING" CONTRACT SYSTEM. GEN. IBNU SAID BURMA HAD SENT PETROLEUM OFFICIAL TO INDONESIA TO STUDY INDONESIAN SYSTEM, BUT DENIED SPECULATIVE PRESS REPORTS THAT INDONESIA WOULD SEND PERTAMINA PETROLEUM EXPERTS TO BURMA TO AID IN DEVELOPING BURMESE PETROLEUM INDUSTRY. IBNU SAID THERE WERE NO SPECIFIC "NEGOTIATIONS" ON OIL, IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ABOUT EARLIER PRESS REPORTS THAT INDONESIA HAD AGREED TO SELL 20,000 BARRELS OF OIL TO BURMA.

5. SUHARTO AND NE WIN WILL RESUME THEIR TALKS WHEN SUHARTO PAYS RECIPROCAL VISIT TO BURMA FOLLOWING VISIT TO SINGAPORE, SOMETIME AFTER GOI INDEPENDENCE DAY AUGUST 17.
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